

**Testimony regarding HB 5277**

My name is Shannon Metzler, and I live in New Britain. I am writing in support of HB 5277-An Act Concerning the Establishment of Technical Standards for Medical Diagnostic Equipment that Promotes Accessibility in Health Care Facilities. I am disabled and struggling to get the health care I need because of the lack of accessible medical diagnostic equipment. The only time I have gotten weighed in the past several years was at the old Newington Children's Hospital or when I went to a hospital for a procedure or to a rehab facility. The office of my primary care physician in Connecticut does not have an accessible scale, so I am never weighed when I go for a physical examination. When I come to an appointment by ambulance, I am transferred to an examining table, but whenever I come in my wheelchair, I am examined in my wheelchair. This means that the doctor is unable to do a complete assessment of my physical condition.